and Bangladesh, during the first six month of 1993-94 as compared to the same period of the previous year were as given below :

Month	Tourist Arrivals		Percentage Change
	1992-93	1993-94	1993-94/1992-93
April	1,00,038	94,387	—5.6
May	84,009	78,723	—6.3
June	91,545	89,012	—2.8
July	1,21,625	1,20,655	—0.8
August	1,19,993	1,11,791	—6.8
September	1,02,359	1,01,674	—0.7
Total	6,19,569	5,96,242	—3.8

(c) and (d) The decline in tourist arrivals would affect the occupancy in hotels, reliable atistics on the subject are not available.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The efforts being taken by the Government to increase the inflow of international tourists include improvement of infrastructural facilities for tourists in the country and strengthening of publicity and marketing efforts in the overseas markets.

Proposal for new tourist spots in J & K

1320. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that military in Jammu and Kashmir has adversely affected the tourism industry in that state; if so the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are considering new tourist spots at Sanasar, Patni Top and Kud in that State which are comparatively outside the influence of militants; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are also considering development of alterntaive tourists spots in other States to cater to tourists particularly those from abroad, who preferred to visit Kashmir if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Tourism industry in the Kashmir Valley has been adversely affected due to militancy.

(b) and (c) The development of new tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government extends financial assistance based on projects fielded by State Governments. Recently, a project for Construction of five huts at Patnitop has been received. Some States like Himachal Pradesh, hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh and Sikkim are encouraged to develop tourism infrastructure.

Attracting Japanese Tourists to India

1321. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Japanese tourists prefer to visit those countries which can provide good golf-playing facilities ;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to promote golf-playing facilities in India to attract more Japanese tourists and

(c) whether other attractions are being offered by Government to attract more tourists from Japan; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Japanese tourists visit countries offering facilities for leisure, recreation' shopping, culture and history. Golf is also an attraction.

(b) Central Department of Tourism has identified four golf circuits in India for deve-